Production of steel by Sail

1515. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of steel produced by the SAIL in 1991-92 ;

(b) the quantum out of it released for internal market ; and

(c) the quantity of steel exported in 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The quantum of saleable steel produced by SAIL (including IISCO) in 1991-92 was 8.03 million tonnes.

(b) During 1991-92, SAIL (including IISCO) supplied about 6.69 million tonnes of mild saleable steel Dorme in the domestic market.

(c) The quantum of steel exported by SAIL during 1991-92 was as under :

(Quantity ('000 tonnes)

Mild Steel . . .	185.9	(includes 7590 tonnes waiting for export)
Stainless Steel . .	0.55	

Capital Iron and Steel Corporation of China

1516. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Capital Iron and Steel Corporation of China has offered to promote Joint venture investment in iron ore mining, to supply blast furnace technology and to arrange for coking coal :

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) whether Government or the private sector had any discussions with the Steel companies of China and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) During July, 1989, M/s. Capital Iron & Steel Company of China had shown interest in making investment on establishing Iron Ore Mines in India which could serve as a captive source for meeting Iron Ore requirements of China. It was also envisaged that the required technology along with plant and equipment would also be supplied by China. However, the above proposal did not find favour with the Government of India.

In pursuance of the Trade protocol for 1992, tolks are going on between NMDC and the Chinese side for possible cooperation for development of new mine. However, these talks are in the preliminary stage only.

(c) Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Limited has entered into a licence agreement with Beijing Central Engineering and Research Incorporation, Iron and Steel for transfer of coal dust injection technology in blast furnaces. M/s. Simplex Engineering and Foundry Works Limited have also entered into a foreign collaboration agreement with M/s. China Metallurgical Import and Export Corporation and China National Import and Export Corporation for transfer of technology for manufacture and supply of mini-blast furnaces on turn key basis. Discussions are also taking place between public sector undertakings and Indian priavte sector companies with various Chinese organisations for transfer of iron and steel making technology.

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

1517. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to encourage shore-based large steel plants to export their products ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is huge potential for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant to develop a strategy for exports ;